

will have two Months Advance paid them, and a Month's Leave to see their Friends."

We hear that the following Forces are ordered to march and embark, viz. Lord Hume's Regiment, Col. Hodgson's and Col. Brudenell's: One Battalion of Lord George Bontick's, one of General Cornwallis's, one of General Stuart's, one of Kingsley's, one of the Old Buffs, one of the Earl of Effingham's, one of General Wolfe's, and three Battalions of the Foot-Guards.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Ancrum goes abroad as a General Officer with the Forces.

The Phoenix, Lindsay, from Koningberg to Hull, is taken by the Russian Fleet, and carried into Dantzick.

Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth, July 20.

"An Expedition is on Foot from this Port. It is assured that 10,000 Men will be embarked here very soon, under Convoy of nine Men of War, which are all here except the Burford, Captain Young, which Ship is ordered here from the River as soon as possible. Sir Edward Hawke's late Journey hither, and the Hurry in fitting his Ship, induce a Belief that he will have the Command of this Squadron.

"The Marines are ordered ashore from on board the respective Men of War, but with what View we cannot yet devise."

The Postilion, of Amsterdam, is sent into Bristol by the Antient Briton Privateer, who retook her from a French Privateer off Cape Finistere, and drove the Privateer ashore on a Ridge of Rocks.

Last Night there was a very hot Prefs on the River; near 2000 Men being taken, and none permitted to escape.

July 24. It is assured Ostend is blocked up by the Vesuvius Fire-Ship, the Fire Drake Ketch, and the Dispatch Sloop of War; and that the Rose Man of War has Orders to relieve the Vesuvius.

We hear that the Forces to embark make in all twelve Regiments, besides Marines, and are to be commanded by three Generals.

A Number of battering Cannon and scaling Ladders are embarking on board the Transports lately taken into his Majesty's Service.

We hear the above Ships are ordered to have their Provisions augmented to a 6 Month's Voyage.

July 26. We hear the battering Cannon, Bombs, and Warlike Stores, that have been shipping at the Tower for some Time, are ordered to be at the Nore To-morrow.

Letters from the Coast of Africa mention, that the French Fleet having attacked Cape-Coast Castle, and some other English Ports, were repulsed with very little Damage done to the Settlements.

The Hampton-Court Man of War has, it is said, taken five or six Prizes, and carried them into Villa-Franca.

We hear that the French East-India Ship taken by the five Privateers, has on board 40,000 Stand of Arms, 100,000 l. in Specie, and near 100 Tons of Bar-Iron, besides other Particulars.

The Anson and Surprize Men of War, and the Trial Sloop of War, are arrived in the Downs with 92 Sail of Ships from the Leeward Islands under Convoy, having seen in safety all those bound to Ireland and St. George's Channel; some of the latter are arrived at Bristol, Liverpool, and Cork. The Fleet of Merchantmen consisted of 130 Sail, and failed from the said Islands the 11th of June, under Convoy of nine Ships of War, six of which returned after seeing them safe through the Windward Passage.

Extract of a Letter from Portsmouth, July 24.

"The best Intelligence we can at present gain concerning the Expedition which is carrying on here with so much Secrecy is, that fourteen Regiments will, one after another, arrive here, and be embarked on board the Transports which are ordered round from the River. Some of the Troops are expected on Wednesday, and are to encamp on the South-Sea Common, near this Place. The Squadron, it is said, is to consist of 14 or 16 Men of War, to be commanded by Sir Edward Hawke, in the Ramillies, who will have under him Vice Admiral Knowles, in the Royal William, and Rear Admiral Broderick, in the Barfleur. Sir Edward is expected in a Day or two."

The Artificers in Woolwich Yard have worked double Tides for some Time past, in order to get ready the Pluto Fire-Ship, and the Fire Drake Bomb-Ketch, which are ordered to Sea with all Expedition.

Two Ships from Martinico are taken and sent into Kinsale, by the Centurion Man of War.

The Master of a Ship from Malaga, arrived at

one of our Western Ports, was brought to by his Majesty's Ship York, who had a large Ship in Tow, from India to Bourdeaux, and was steering with her Prize towards Lisbon.

We are informed, that the French St. Domingo Fleet, when it first sailed, consisted of 21 Sail without Convoy; 14 of which have already been taken, and it is apprehended few, if any, will escape.

July 28. Nine more Independant Companies of Highlanders are immediately to be raised, for the easier recruiting the Highland Battalions in America.

July 30. By a Messenger arrived at Whitehall, we learn, that Intelligence having been brought to the Duke of Cumberland, that a Party of French had passed the Weser, to the Number of 3000; his Royal Highness detached a Body of 7000 Men, under the Command of General Sporcken, to surprize them: That General marched on the 17th with such Secrecy, that the French were wholly unprepared, and he having fallen upon them, cut almost every Man of them to Pieces.

Ships taken from the French since the Commencement of the War, to the 12th of July, 1757: Merchantmen, 681; Privateers, 91. In all, 772.

Ships taken by the French in the aforesaid Time: Merchantmen, &c. 637.

It is computed that the English have profited by Captures upwards of two Millions.

The Experiment Man of War has taken a French Privateer of 40 Guns, on the Coast of Valentia, after a smart Engagement, in which the French Captain and several Officers were killed.

Private Letters advise, that some French Men of War that lately failed from Toulon went to Malta, where they were furnished with 400 Pieces of Cannon out of the Arsenal, and were upon their Return with them again to Toulon.

It is reported that the Kings of Spain and Sardinia have entered into Alliance with England.

August 2. Private Letters from France advise, that 16 Ships of the Line are fitting out at Rochfort, to sail the Middle of this Month on a secret Expedition.

There is Advice that the French are marching down 26,000 Men to their Coasts to guard against our Embarkation.

The King of Prussia Privateer of Exeter, is taken and carried into Rochfort, by a French Frigate of 36 Guns; and the same Frigate has likewise taken the St. Olave Privateer of London, and sent her into Brest.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Luckey, Master of his Majesty's Ship Tartar, to his Father in Cork.

"I take this Opportunity, amongst other Things, to give you some Particulars of our Success, in the Suppression of an inveterate Enemy, by taking the following Prizes within the Course of eight Months, viz.

	Guns.	Men.	Killed.
Le Cerf Privateer, of St. Maloes, 24	200	23	
Hero Ditto, of Ditto, - - - 15	162	1	
Grand Gedeon Ditto, of Granville, - - - 22	215	7	
Mont Roze Ditto, of Rochelle, 20	190	58	
Maria Victoria Ditto, of Havre, 24	274	30	
Duke d'Aiguillon Ditto, of St. Maloes, - - - 26	303	47	
Philippe Ditto, of Morlaix, 18	190	14	

A Snow from Rochelle for Quebec, with 10,000 Arms, and a Ship from Martinico for Bourdeaux, valued at 35,000 l. We are a Ship of 26 Guns, and 160 Men, and we have had the good Fortune to take 148 Guns, 1535 Men, of which 180 were killed outright, with the Loss of only four Men to ourselves. My Share of Prize-Money amounts to about 9000 l."

Extract of a Letter from an Officer on board the Defiance Privateer, Capt. John Dyer, at Falmouth, July 28.

"We arrived in this Port Yesterday, and brought with us the Bohemian, a French Privateer of 18 nine Pounders, and her two Prizes, viz. the Nancy, a Snow of 200 Tons, belonging to Liverpool, but bound from Jamaica for London, and a Brigantine from Waterford for Newfoundland. Upon our drawing near to them, the Privateer quitted her Prizes, and fled with all the Sail she could carry: Our Captain then ordered our Boats to be hoisted out, which was quickly done, and having properly manned them, dispatched them to board the Prizes, while he continued his Chace after the Privateer. We carried a Cloud of Sail (notwithstanding it blew strong) which our Ship is fond of. We then fairly ran 13 Knots, and about nine in the Evening came up close along-side of her, who

did not give us a great deal of Trouble in taking, for they soon cried out for Quarters. Having ordered them on board the Defiance in their Boat, and manned the Privateer from our Ship, we went in Search of the other two Vessels, which we joined the next Morning about Eight. We were four Days before we got hither, greatly fatigued; the Captain, nor any other Officer, having scarcely laid down in that Time; as we could not keep too strict a Guard upon our Prisoners, who are a Parcel of stout-bodied Men (I can't say so of their Hearts) and far out-numbered us on board the Defiance, a great many Hands being required to man the Prizes, and the French being in all 199.

"Our Ship is preparing to go into the Mole to clean her Bottom. I hope we shall soon be at Sea again, when don't doubt of giving you a further pleasing Account of our Success, for our Cornish Boys turn out extremely well in all Shapes, being active and willing, stout and resolute, and no Ship, I may venture to say, better officer'd; every one knowing and exerting himself in his Duty, headed by an experienced true Briton; if I could find a more worthy Epithet, he merits it."

"To conclude, we are as harmonious as one Family could wish to be, and, whilst we continue so, there is no Doubt of its Prosperity."

The Defiance Man of War, Captain Harvey, has taken a French Frigate of 36 Guns, and four Ships with Corn for Mahon.

Various are the Conjectures of the Destination of the Fleet and Transports assembling at Spithead: Some of our Coffee-House Politicians send them up the Elbe, to land the Forces on board, to join the Duke of Cumberland's Army of Observation; while others carry 'em to the Baltick to attack the Russian Fleet, cover Memel from their Assaults, and prevent Bremen and Vreden from falling into the Hands of their old Masters the Swedes; who, it's well known, have been not a little disgusted at being dismembered from their Kingdom; while another Set, remarkable for being in the Secrets of all the Cabinet-Councils in Europe, join the English Fleet to a large Squadron of his Catholic Majesty, with a great Army on board, destined to set the Infant Don Philip on the Throne of Corsica; and at the same Time, to make themselves Masters of the Grand Duchy of Tuscany, by Way of Valent. This, however, is certain, that the Fleet is fitted out for a six Months Voyage, which makes the Friends of their King and Country hope, Minorca may not be forgot, among the Rest of their Schemes.

Plymouth, July 15. Since my last arrived the Sheerness Man of War from the Westward, who has brought in the Portmahon Privateer of St. Maloes, of 14 Guns, and 84 Men; the Deal Castle, Letter of Marque, of Bristol, Karr, Master, his brought in a Danish Vessel with Bread, Flour, and Wheat, from Brest, said to be bound to Amsterdam. Came in the St. George, Robinson; Shark, Harmon; Isaac of Liverpool; Black Prince, Creation; and the Boscawen, Harden, all 5 Privateers, who have taken and brought in with them the Prince of Conti, a French East-India Man of 50 Guns, from St. Sebastians for Pondicherry; The Minerva, of and from Bourdeaux, for Canada, taken by the King of Prussia Privateer, with Wine and Provisions. The said Privateer, and the Defiance of Bristol, have taken the St. Peter, and the St. Martin from Ditto, with Ditto.

Admiralty-Office, July 30. His Majesty's Ship the Isis, Capt. Wheeler, is arrived at Spithead, and has brought in with him three Privateers, viz. the Precieux, 26 Guns, 240 Men, commanded by M. Dubois, belonging to St. Maloes; the Conte de Herville, 16 Guns, 180 Men, Deshoan, of Bourdeaux; the Prince of Turin, 10 Guns, 84 Men, De Bras, of Havre de Grace: He likewise has retaken and brought to Spithead, the Minerva, Hicks Master, of London, which came from Antigua, under Convoy of the Anson.

St. Jago de la Vega, in Jamaica, July 30. Sunday last arrived two French Ships, taken by his Majesty's Ships the Edinburgh, Princess Mary, Dreadnought, and Lively (which last came in with them) who were lying in Isabella Road, in the Island of Hispaniola, and on seeing six Ships, immediately weighed, and stood after them; but four of them having the Wind of our Ships escaped. The Prizes carry 24 Guns, and 150 Men each; one bound from St. Maloes, the other from Marseilles to Cape Francois. Their Cargoes are said to consist chiefly of Silks, Velvets, &c. and a large Quantity of Castile Soap, and reckoned to be worth upwards of 50,000 l.

August 6. Monday arrived his Majesty's Ships Edinburgh, Princess Mary, and Dreadnought, from

from a Cruize. They brought a French Ship of about 250 Tons from Marseilles to Cape Francois fourth Prize they have taken, three of which have arrived retaken.

B O S T O N, S A T U R D A Y, Monday last his Majesty's Ship of 40 Guns, Captain Donkley, Halifax, which Ship was Convoyed with the Highland Regiment also to the several Merchantmen which arrived here the Week before the Transports were all safe. Enterprize immediately proceeded having on board a considerable Army for his Majesty's Service in America.

Extract of a Letter from Halifax, dated the 19th Instant the into the Harbour of Louisburg, French Fleet lying there. On the 1st of the Wind for went to any of the French Ships, away immediately for Halifax, Day Week they sailed from hence have received Orders to be in an Hour's Warning. Rear-Admiral Harky, has hoisted his Flag on which is by far the best Ship in N E W - Y O R K.

Saturday Evening last his Majesty's Ship the Pownall, Esq; Governor of the Province of Massachusetts Bay, Boston; and we are told his Majesty's Ship the Phoenix, this Day for New-Jersey, Commission as Lieutenant Governor.

Thursday Night last arrived from the Westward, bound from the River, having Horses, &c. seized on her Passage by the Capt. M'Daniel, of this Port.

P H I L A D E L P H I A, On Thursday, the Eighth of the Name of M'Ilroy, is about five Miles from Harrisburgh off by the Indians.

We have Advice from Bethelton County, that on Friday last to the House of Joseph Killen, ship, seventeen Miles from Harrisburgh off his Wife, and three Years of Age, another 5, a Child fix Months old. They left a Child fix Months old, without doing any Harm to the Mother, who was the Mother of her Mother and Brother, there, taken away; likewise others brought out of the Harrisburgh, and another of his at some Distance; but the two Mares are missing, which took with them. No Danes were seen, nor any Thing about the House.

Since our last came up the two Privateers concerned with the Stanwyx, belong to the Island.

On Sunday last arrived his Majesty's Ship the Wager, Capt. Shermure, from the Coast he spoke with two French Ships, New-York. Captain Moorecomb, from the two Line of Battle Ships, England.

A N N A P O L I S, Yesterday the General Assembly met here.

The Honourable the Lord Chose the Honourable Charles Calvert, one of the Representatives to be their Speaker, of which the Governor was pleased to be in the Chair; and then made the following Speech:

G E N T L E M E N, Houses of ASSEMBLY,

I T having been represented to me, that Money which was granted by the Support of the Defiance almost expended, I have thought together, that you may have an Opportunity to provide